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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Kari Alitalo et al.

Application No.: 10/567,630

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Art Unit: 1637

For: MATERIALS AND METHODS FOR  
COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING,  
DIAGNOSIS, AND THERAPY

Examiner: C. B. Wilder

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed January 15, 2008, Applicants hereby elect Group II claims “drawn to a method of inhibiting growth by treating” for examination in the above-identified application. The Applicants agree with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office that claims 17, 21, 22, 25-29, 31, 33-34, 36-38, 41, 46, 68 and 70-76 are drawn to the elected invention.

The Applicants respectfully submit that claims 15 and 55 should be grouped with Group II and that these claims are linking claims which, if allowed, would require withdrawal of the restriction requirement and examination of the other claims. The Applicants traverse on this basis. Claims 39-40 were previously canceled and they are not designated or part of the elected claim set. This response is timely filed with a petition and fee for a three-month extension of time.

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Respectfully submitted,

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